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I think the proposed settlement is a bad idea. It gives Microsoft too much liberty to continue its current tactics and practices. Also the enforcement body is weak and I know Microsoft will get its way like it has in the past. I have been looking to buy a laptop and none of the big companies sell one without a version of Windows. I assume that this is because of the bully tactics it plays with OEM's. Microsoft needs restrictions on it to cultivate a healthy software business environment. I am tired of paying premium prices for mediocre software. Open source exceeds Microsoft in many instances. The sad thing is security is one of them.

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